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Coal cars of the CSX jumped the tracks and landed in the Anacostia River near RFK Stadium. (Photo by Dale MacIver)

Derailement of CSX Train Pollutes River

Collapse of a rail bridge near Benning Road NE on Nov. 9 dumped half a dozen open freight cars loaded with coal into the Anacostia River near Kingman Island and the 11th St. and East Capitol St. Bridges.

The extent of the pollution that could flow through SE and SW and into the Potomac River cannot be determined until the cars are lifted from the sediment-filled riverbed.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton took Federal

and Congressional officials to visit the site of the collapsed bridge, sighting her concern that “this accident is similar to one in Las Vegas, Nevada, where deadly chlorine gas rolled unattended for 20 miles, and another in New York, sending toxic chemicals into the Genesee River.”

Council Member Tommy Wells’ website www.tommywells.org can lead you to an announcement by the DC Dept. of the Environment for the status of the cleanup effort.

SWNA On Concerns Common to Near SW & SE

Issues affecting residents from both sides of So. Capitol St. will be on the SWNA agenda at a community forum on Mon., Nov. 26, at 7:30 pm in the annex of St. Vincent de Paul’s Church (at the corner of So. Capitol St. and M St. SE).

Police Cdr. David Kemperin, whose First District Command covers both areas, will speak. Council Member Tommy Wells, whose Sixth Ward covers both areas, and several at-large council members are expected.

Major developer Forest City, with projects reaching from The Yards, next to the Navy Yard to SW’s Waterfront Town Center at 4th St. SW have been invited.

The meeting will focus on issues important to the Near SW and SE like traffic congestion, game day ballpark parking, bridge projects at both ends of the SW/SE Freeway and in the middle, affordable housing and schools.

Residents of Near SE are already served by the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC6D), which stretches from the SW Waterfront to the 11th St. SE Bridge, and are welcome to participate with a new SWNA Task Force on SW/SE issues.

Dec. 1 Parade of Lighted Boats

Another reminder that we who live near the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers are riverfront communities arrives on Sat. Dec. 1 at 7 pm when the annual Parade of Lighted Boats brightens the SW Potomac Channel.

Earlier at 6pm, the annual tree lighting, snapshots with Santa, seasonal caroling by children, and December refreshments will warm residents and visitors at the park on the riverfront at Water St. and 6th between Gangplank Marina and Channel Inn. Boxes for Toys for Tots will accept unwrapped toys for all ages from toddlers through 17.

Shortly after 7 pm four-dozen yachts, sailboats and patrol boats from marinas in Alexandria and elsewhere on the Potomac will fill the channel brightly decorated in holiday splendor. Judging and prizes are always a part of the competition..

Best viewing is always from the restaurants and walkways overlooking the water.

Sponsors are the Washington Waterfront Association, which invites one and all.

Waterside Mall Disappearing

Each day shows more and more sections of the Waterside Mall at 4th St. SW between K St. SW and M St. SW being demolished (as shown here).

A “Demolition Party” brought hundreds through the mall for the last time on Dec. 1, with food, music, speeches and the first swing of the wrecking ball breaking down the walls.

For more photos see p. 8.



(Future appearance of 4th St. SW cut-through and the buildings planned to take the place of Waterside Mall)

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St. Augustine's Schedule

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M Street, SW, sharing its ministry with St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church until the new Lutheran church is built, announces its Christmas services:

Holy Communion each Wednesday in Advent: 12 noon on Dec. 5, 12 and 19.

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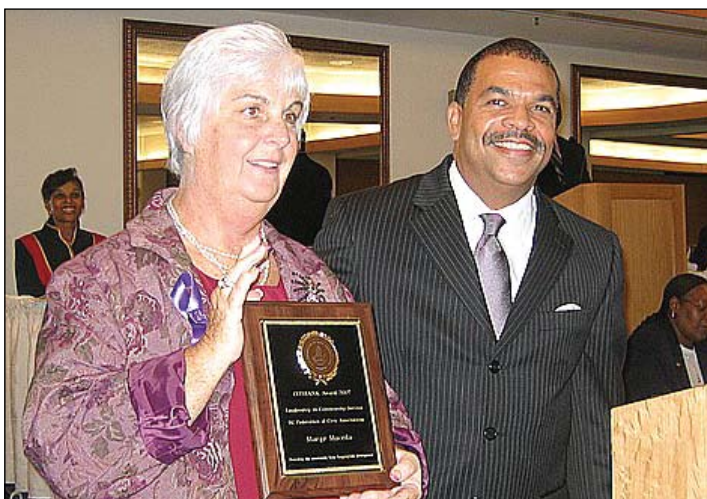
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Arena Play Reading Dec 3

Arena Stage will present a play reading in the Kreeger theater on Mon. Dec. 3, at 7 pmas part of its "Downstairs" series of play readings.

Daniel Beaty's play "Resurrection," - "is the story of six interconnected black males, ages 10-60: a child scientist, a young man from the projects on his way to college, an ex-convict, a corporate executive, a health store owner and the Bishop of a mega-church, who all experience an unexpected phenomenon on the same evening that changes their lives forever. \$8 plus fees.

Marge Maceda Wins Award



At the city-wide Federation of Civic Associations annual Awards Day SWNA President Marge Maceda is awarded a plaque for outstanding leadership.

Southwest Community Calendar Nov. 21 - Dec. 31

MON. NOV. 19 Wells at Kiwanis, Christ Methodist Church, 4th & I (Eye) SW, 6:30 pm

WED. NOV. 21 AARP luncheon, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, 12 noon

THURS., FRI. NOV. 22-23 Thanksgiving holiday

THURS. TO WED. Nov. 22-28 Jenny's closed for Thanksgiving vacation

MON. NOV. 26 SWNA public meeting – St. Vincent DePaul church, So. Capitol & M St. SE 7:30 pm

THURS. NOV. 29 NARFE meeting, SW Library, Wesley Pl. & K SW, 12:30 pm

SAT. DEC. 1 Tree lighting, Santa, music, Water St. & 6th SW, 6 pm

SAT. DEC. 1 Parade of Lighted Boats, Water St. & 6th to 9th SW, 7 pm

MON. DEC. 3, Arena Stage play reading in Kreeger, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7 pm

MON. DEC. 3 Water & Sewer Authority at SW Library, Wesley Pl. & K St. SW, 7 pm.

TUES. DEC. 4 – Wed. Dec. 12 Hanukkah

TUES. DEC. 4, Police Advisory Council, 415 4th St. SW, 7 pm

WED. DEC. 5, Actress Yvonne Hudson as poet Emily Dickson, St. Augustine's Church, 7th & Maine Ave. SW, 7 pm

SUN. DEC. 9 Wreath Making, Westminster Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. SW, 12:30 – 3 pm

NO ANC IN Dec.

NO SWNA IN Dec.

THURS. DEC. 13 PSA 104 at Harbour Square community room, top floor 500 N St. SW, 7pm-8:30 pm

FRI. DEC. 14 SW Chamber Players, St. Augustine's Church, 7th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

SAT. DEC. 14, Kids Computer Class "Graduation" Syphax Village community room, O and Half St. SW, 2 pm

SUN. DEC. 16 Arena Stage open house, Crystal City Marriott, Bell St., 2 pm

WED. DEC. 19 AARP at Pier 7, 7th & Water St. SW, 12 noon

SUN. DEC. 23 Arena Stage open house, Crystal City Marriott, Bell St., 2 pm

MON. DEC. 24-FRI. Jan 4 Winter Break for schools

SAT. DEC. 25 Christmas Day

THURS. DEC. 27 Corcoran Gallery free to Near SW/SE residents, 17th & New York Ave. NW, 10 am-9 pm

MON. DEC. 31 New Year's Eve

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS – First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS – Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS – Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 – noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chi at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

FRIDAYS – FARMERS Market at US Dept. of Ag, 12th & Independence Ave. SW near Smithsonian METRO. 10am - 2 pm.

TUESDAYS – FARMERS Market at US Dept. of Transportation new headquarters at New Jersey Ave. SE & M St. SE; near Navy Yard METRO, limited parking, some a block north at L St. SE. 10am - 2 pm.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm– Practice GED test – free – takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

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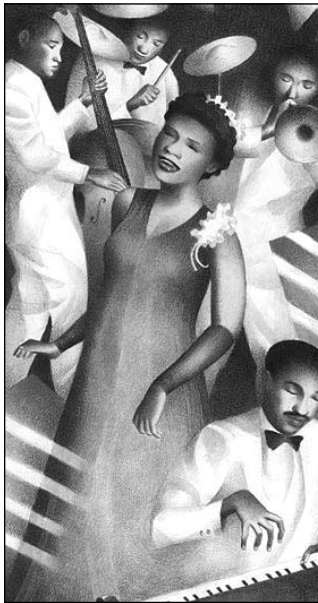
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Visit Arena Stage in Crystal City Sun. Dec 16, 23

Two Sunday afternoon open houses at the new temporary Arena Stage location in Crystal City for the next three years will be held from 2pm to 5 pm at 1800 Bell St, Arlington, VA near the Crystal City METRO (with plenty of street parking on a Sunday). The Crystal Forum in the Crystal City Marriott Hotel is being renovated in time for previews of "Ella," the new musical on Ella Fitzgerald, starting Fri. Dec.

28. Seat locations in the Forum are being mailed to subscribers.

Southwest residents will be glad to know that once-each-production Southwest Nights will continue for



the next three years at the Crystal City location.

Performing in "Ella" will be Tina Fabrique (from Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, and Crowns) singing such Ella favorites as That Old Black Magic, They Can't Take That Away From Me.

The final performance in The Fischhandler will be "Christmas Carol 1941" on Sun. Dec. 30.

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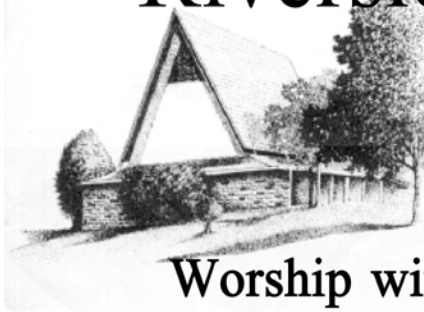
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Cdr. Groomes Promoted

Diane Groomes, First District Police Commander for two years, will become an Assistant Chief.

Following is an excerpt from the announcement she wrote:

"Dear Residents of the First District, I would like to be the first to announce to you that I am being promoted to Assistant Chief of Patrol Services and School Security. I will be replaced by Commander David Kamperin. Commander Kamperin has over 22 years of experience and Inspector George Kucik with 19 years of service..."

NARFE Meets Nov. 29

Next meeting date is:

Thursday, November 29, 2007
SW Library, K St. & Wesley Pl SW,
12:30 pm

Wells At Kiwanis

Councilman Tommy Wells will serve as speaker at the Southwest Waterfront Kiwanis Club November 19th. The meeting will be held at the Christ United Methodist Church located at 4th and I Street, starting at 6:30 pm.

AARP Events

- Wed. Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Luncheon, 1311 Delaware Ave., 11:30 am
- Wed. Dec. 19 Christmas Gala, Pier 7, 7th & Water St. SW, 12 noon.

Roger Wilkins Compliments Volunteers

Featured speaker at the DC Federation of Civic Associations annual luncheon was 30-year resident of SW Roger Wilkins, historian and professor at George Mason University and former Assistant Attorney General under Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Volunteers, like those at the luncheon from dozens of civic associations in DC, serve the nation in ways that Benjamin Franklin had in mind. When asked what the founding fathers had created, Franklin replied, "A republic, if you can keep it," Wilkins told the crowd.

SW Chamber Players Dec. 14

The annual Christmas program of the S.W. Chamber Players will be at 7:30 pm, Fri., Dec. 14 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW.

Featured will be five singers and the Saint Charles String Quartet, who will

present Part One of Handel's Messiah, plus a festive program of Christmas carols and other holiday music. Admission is free, but donations appreciated.



Natasha A. Rodriguez

Natasha Rodriguez Wins Grant

By Thelma D. Jones

Congratulations Natasha A. Rodriguez, who was awarded a \$1200 grant by River Park Friends through the SWNA Scholarship Committee. A 2007 graduate of the DC School Without Walls (SWW), Natasha now attends the University of Maryland at College Park, where she plans to major in foreign language.

At SWW and during her spare time, Rodriguez studied French, Spanish, and Mandarin, and received an award for excellence in foreign language. She would like to become a translator or an interpreter for the United Nations, State Depart-

ment or World Bank Group.

A mature, well-rounded honor student, who received numerous academic awards, Rodriguez was also a member of the French club; dance ensemble; Sudanese group; and Sister Act/Sister Strength, which taught girls how to conduct themselves in a variety of settings. She also served as a fundraising chair and peer educator for the DC Rape Crisis Center. In addition, she spent many hours tutoring and mentoring as a member of Community Club at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Rodriguez regarded her volunteer time

as an intern in the Congressional Black Caucus Office and her service in a paid position for the Eleanor Holmes Norton High School Leaders Program as extremely important. Her dedication to excellence earned her a paid summer internship in the office of Congressman Al Green (D-TX), which broadened her horizon even more and focused her efforts on the importance of obtaining a college degree.

River Park Friends has contributed \$1,000 to the SW Scholarship Fund for 6 years, increased its contribution to \$1,200 in 2007 and will increase it to \$1500 in 2008.

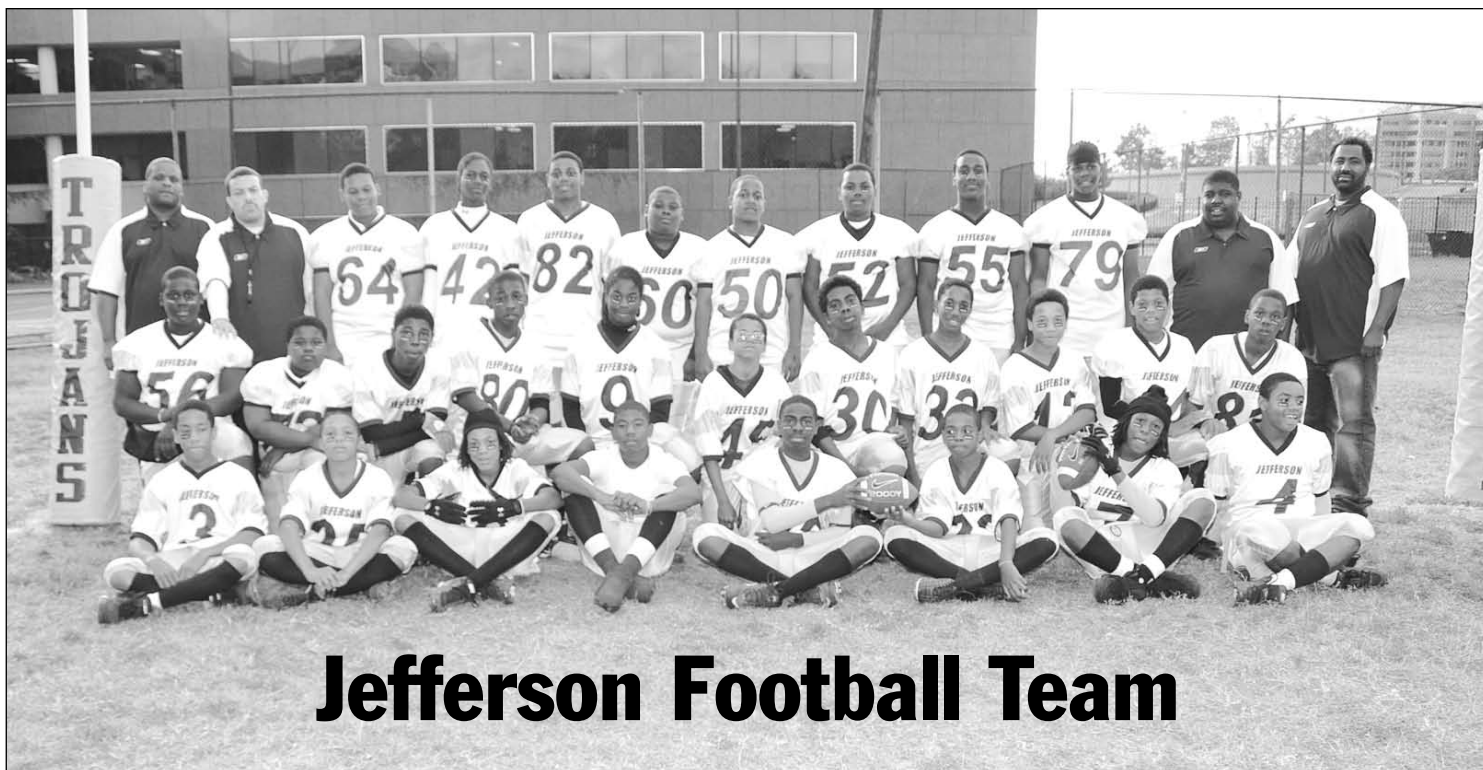
Pumpkins Galore at Westminster

By Lane Davis-Coury



About 80 members of the community enjoyed a free Pumpkin Party for Southwest on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Volunteers from the church helped neighbors of all ages carve, paint, and decorate a total of 75 pumpkins. Other helpers cooked and served a tasty lunch. After all the fun, every pumpkin and about a dozen scarecrows had found a new home. Special thanks go again this year to Safeway for a substantial discount on pumpkins so that we had plenty for everyone. We appreciate Safeway's continued commitment and cooperation in supporting community events.

Westminster looks forward to seeing our neighbors again on Sunday, December 9, for a free Wreath Making Party. Join us at 400 I Street, SW from 12:30 to 3 PM.



Jefferson Football Team

First row, (left to right) - David Hill, Khary Edwards, Donte Toney, Danarian Taylor, Justin Watson, Granderson Spruill, Curlee Walker, Damako Ham

Second row, (left to right) - Charles Arrington, Anthony Crawford, Javon Abnay, Victor Brown, Dartemas Hill, Sy Smallwood, Stephaun Hart, Niles Wallace, Jayvon Bonds, Marlon Mitchell, Lennard Hill

Back row, (left to right) - Coach Joel Christain, Coach James Parson, Aaron Terrell, Maurice Davis, Tiwana Williams, Taron Jackson, Malachi Hargrove, Nico Ham, Dayshawn Nelson, James Dean, Head Coach Ronald Hines & Coach Shawn Hart

Photo of Jefferson football team by Robert Marshall

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Yvonne Hudson Brings Poet To Life on Dec. 5

Emily Dickinson will be brought to life in a one-person show by actress Yvonne Hudson on the stage at St. Augustine's Church Wed., Dec. 5 at 7 pm.

Ms. Hudson, who will perform her Off-Off Broadway theatre piece "Mrs. Shakespeare, Will's first and last love" at St. Augustine's in April, 2008, titles her Dickinson show "Emily Dickinson: The Poet Lights the Lamp." Ms. Hudson uses the poet's own words from Emily's letters and works and the observations of those who knew her.

The free (donations welcome) one-hour performance will be followed by dessert, coffee and wine and a discussion with Ms. Hudson led by Michael Mack.

Later the church will be holding a short prayer service.

(Editor's Note)

Recent popularity of Emily Dickinson's poetry may be illustrated by the [unscientific] sampling of anthologies of American poetry in a pair of libraries I visited recently. One published in 19?? Had no poems by Dickinson, whereas a 1999 anthology had more pages (40) devoted to Dickinson than any other poet except Walt Whitman.

Readers may be familiar with many of Emily's lines like "Because I could not stop for Death - He kindly stopped for me" or "If I can stop one Heart from breaking I shall not live in vain."



Actress Yvonne Hudson appears in a replica of American poet Emily Dickinson's white dress from the late 19th century, as recreated by designer Cindy Albert. Ms Hudson's day job is the marketing and public relations director at Southeastern University.

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Tunnel Could Reroute Hazardous Freight Cars

The National Capital Planning Commission (NCP) has done a study on rerouting freight cars with hazardous chemicals underground, instead of on the elevated CSX tracks through Near Southwest/Southeast pass-

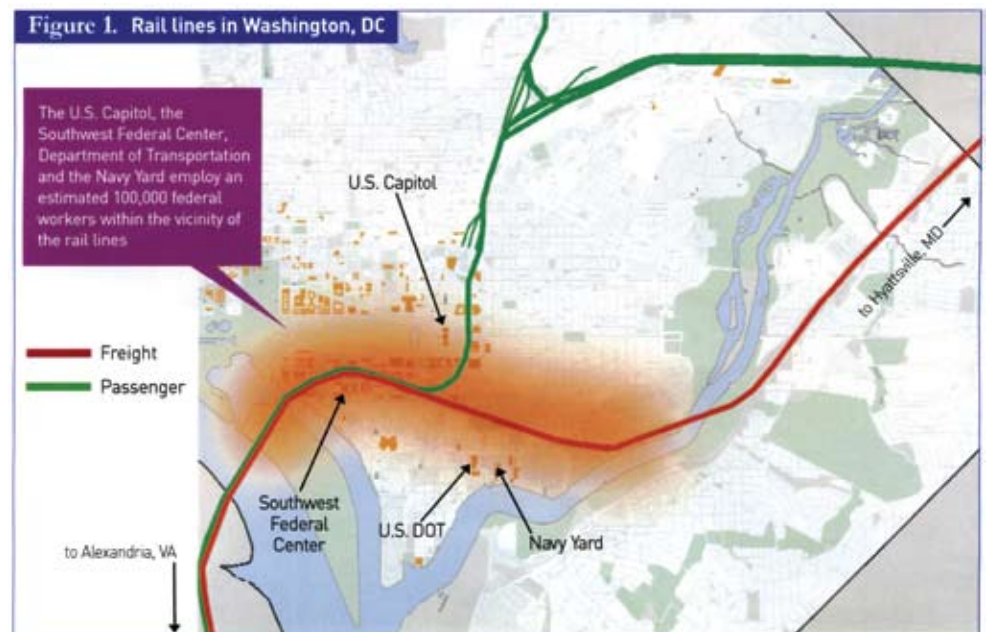


ing near the U S Capitol Bldg and thousands of federal workers nearby.

The study includes a photograph (shown here) of a freight tanker car passing along the elevated line at So. Capitol St. SW on Virginia Ave. SW/SE, with the U.S. Capitol Dome in the background (p. 1) and states, "The line slices through the Southwest Federal Center, location of twelve federal agency headquarter buildings, runs within four blocks of the United States Capitol, and travels through densely populated residential neighborhoods."

The study cites an example of the dangers from trains carrying tankers of chlorine gas. It says, "On January 6, 2005, an NS freight train missed a switch and crashed into a locomotive stored on a spur track in Graniteville, SC. The collision caused a tank car with 90 tons of chlorine to rupture. Nine people died as a result of chlorine inhalation and more than 550 people sought medical assistance."

One of the alternatives for rerouting freight trains would be a nine mile two-track tunnel beneath the District of Columbia, from Potomac Yard in South Arlington, emerging near the DC- Prince Georges County boundary. This might



A map included in the Summary of the NCP/DCDOT freight rerouting study show the current north-south freight line though the District in red.

cost \$5 Billion. Other alternatives considered in the study called for upgrading – including new Potomac River bridges – rail lines that travel east of the District through Waldorf and Upper Marlboro. These might cost \$3 or \$4 billion dollars. It is thought that either alternative would take 10 years to start and another 10 years

to build.

Maps and photos from the study are available in a six page Summary from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP) 202-482-7200 or the DC Department of Transportation, 202-673-6813.

Southeastern University's Gala Raises \$600,000 While Poking Fun at City

Washington, DC—U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) appeared in a video message at the Oct. 17 Southeastern University annual gala at the Hilton Washington. She drew a big laugh when she mentioned the "bold new baseball stadium to delight 40,000 fans. And there's parking for at least 1,000 of them."

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty (D) attended the reception and silent auction preceding the gala dinner and program, hosted by Southeastern President Charlene Drew Jarvis with emcee Tom Sherwood, NBC4 broadcast reporter.

The show opened to a rousing "Dreamgirls" lip sync featuring councilwomen Yvette M. Alexander (D-Ward 7), Muriel Bowser (D-Ward 4), and

Mary Cheh (D-Ward 3), pictured lower left. TV journalist Derek McGinty portrayed a low tag license plate commissioner who turned down a request from former Mayor Anthony A. Williams, 2006 roast honoree, despite Williams plea, "I set the standard for executive office baldness!"

Council members Kwame R. Brown (D-At Large), David Catania (D-At Large), Jack Evans (D-Ward 2), and Tommy Wells (D-Ward 6), commented on "If DC Became a State." The city's Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Natwar M. Gandhi, suggested the state motto: "DC...the State that Lobbyists Built."

Also appearing, DC Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D),



L to R: Victor MacFarlane, MacFarlane Partners, one of the major benefactors of Southeastern University's 8th annual gala visits with Mayor Adrian M. Fenty (D) and Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, Southeastern University President, during the gala's reception at Hilton Washington.



Hylon Smith Photography



Above, during Southeastern University's Gala, "As the District Turns, A Humorous Spin on the City We Love," District leaders took the stage to poke fun at the District. In the Top 10—If DC Became a State skit: Council Member Tommy Wells (D-Ward 6) explained, "As Washington is already taken, the newest state is simply called 'W.'" Behind him is Jack Evans (D-Ward 2) who predicted, "DC would move its Presidential Primary up to next week." Hylon Smith Photography.

quipped, "...a few senators from the deep south are convinced that our new mayor is Barack Obama."

For the weather report revue, the NBC4 meteorologists Chuck Bell and Veronica Johnson with Bob Ryan clad as a snowman sang a tribute to DC winter drivers.

Over 850 guests attended, helping raise \$600,000 for Southeastern's scholarships, classroom renovations and technology. Gala co-chairs are Victor MacFarlane, MacFarlane Partners; Kathy Etemad Hollinger, Comcast and Dorothy and Bill McSweeney.



G. Byron Peck, founder of City Arts, left, helps complete installing mosaic art in 12th St. SW tunnel.

Mosaic Art In 12th St. SW Tunnel

City Arts is completing the installation of its 2,400 square foot mosaic near the Southwest Waterfront. Four 300-foot long mosaic sections span the walls of the 12th Street tunnel where it joins Maine Avenue SW, creating a gateway into this transitional area of the District.

Funding for the Southwest Gateway Mosaic was provided by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, with additional funding from the Philip L. Graham Fund. The mosaic features images and stylized abstractions of river themes and landmarks associated with this portion of the District waterfront.



Painting Call Boxes

Earth Conservation Corps has completed painting the basic blue to three dozen historic fire emergency call boxes in Near SW. Shown here is the first call box they. It is located outside NASA Headquarters at 3rd & E Streets, SW.

Left to right - Junious Plummer, Travis Haney, Shanita Freeman (on ladder), DeAndra Jones (on ladder), Davon Ellis (directly in front of her), DeAnthony Henson (on right). Photos by Perry Klein.

Scenes from the Waterside Mall Demolition



AU Students Survey Southwest

Shortly before classes started at American University (AU) this fall, two groups of new freshmen including both international and domestic students visited Southwest DC to learn about our neighborhood, the diversity of its residents, and how SW residents participate in community programs. In introducing incoming freshmen to Washington's neighborhoods, the American University's Discover DC Program strives to make new students aware that the District is more than the nation's capital with monuments, government buildings, and university campuses.

Both groups of new students toured our community before meeting with Lida Churchville and Perry Klein, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) board members, to discuss what is unique about Southwest DC. The AU's freshmen learned about our lively waterfront, the parade of boats at Christmas time, the award-winning Arena Stage, and Jazz



AU Students visiting Southwest, in no particular order: Jon Weakley, Doug Bojack, Cody Shavel, Erin Radomsky, Yuto Ono, Sam Fruzzetti, Aysel Sharifova, and Sam Swoyer.

Night in Southwest on Friday evenings, and Blues Night in Southwest on Monday evenings, at the Westminster Presbyterian

Church. The students were encouraged to keep track of Southwest DC's reconstruction through *The Southwester*, our

community newspaper, and SWDC.org, our community website.

Free Art: Corcoran “Randall Neighborhood Day” Dec. 27

By David Sobelsohn

On October 25, on an application by Monument Realty and the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Historic Preservation Review Board approved renovation of the Randall Junior High School, 65 I St., SW. The Zoning Commission is now considering the matter.

Monument and the Corcoran expect to complete Randall renovation by late 2011.

Eventually, the Corcoran will move much of its College of Art + Design into the three original Randall buildings on I Street. Monument will replace the less-historic Randall buildings on H Street with a new 10-story 480-unit apartment building.

On October 15, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D unanimously approved my motion to endorse this project's Planned United Development. We did so largely because of benefits the developers promised our community.

First, although Monument hasn't decided whether to rent its Randall apartments or sell them as condominiums, Monument has committed to offer nearly 100 of them at a reduced rate to families earning 80% or less of the DC area's median income. Monument will provide both job and housing preferences for ANC 6D residents. Monument has also promised to landscape, as a park, the area on I Street just east of Randall; and to contribute \$200,000 to a neighborhood community-investment fund—which we will have to establish.

But this project primarily benefits our community by bringing us the Corcoran. This means more than just students in a building. Months of negotiation have



Red brick center of Randall Jr. will be preserved. Other parts will be torn down and replaced by Condo apts.

culminated in serious promises, by the Corcoran, to engage artistically with our community. These promises include:

- arts education, especially sending graduate students to teach in our schools; and providing scholarships for our teachers, for our residents to take an art degree or enroll in art classes, and for our kids to attend the Corcoran's arts camp; and

- art for our neighborhood, especially an annual arts project and an annual open-air arts festival; free Corcoran membership for one of our teachers; open student art space and a free art gallery at Randall; free museum tours of the Corcoran on 17th Street; and additional benefits for ANC 6D residents who volunteer at the Corcoran.

The Corcoran will also erect a sculpture on the Delaware Avenue Circle; beautify the Randall construction site; and—once it's open—make Randall available for frequent community meetings.

Finally, each year, the Corcoran has promised a full day of free admission, for residents of the neighborhood, to its muse-

um at 500 17th St., NW. During special exhibits, this can save us \$14 per ticket.

The Corcoran will hold its first “Randall Neighbor Day” on Thursday, December 27. That day, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., in addition to its permanent collection, the Corcoran will continue its special exhibit of photographs by Ansel Adams and Annie Leibovitz. On December 27, anyone with a driver's license or other valid identification showing residence in either zip code 20024 (Southwest) or 20003 (the near Southeast) can get into the Corcoran for free. Your identification will also admit children who live with you (but not visiting out-of-town relatives).

Because of our community-benefits agreement—including Randall Neighbor Day—the Corcoran College's move to Southwest could be the most important addition to our community's cultural life since Arena Stage opened here 46 years ago. That's why we supported the Randall project.

See you at the Corcoran December 27!



*ANC6D has financed distribution boxes for *The Southwester*.*

Ground-Breaking at SE Federal Center

It's just eight years since Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes (D-DC) cosponsored the law that started the ball rolling, but groundbreaking has occurred for the major portion of the 43 acre Southeast Federal center – a former “brown-field” next to the Washington Navy Yard on the Anacostia River. The headquarters building of the US Dept. of Transportation, built in 2004-2007, is already on the site.

Here are excerpts from a release by prime developer - the multi-billion dollar firm, Forest City.

“Construction now underway on major mixed-use project in Near Southeast

“Forest City Washington, Inc. officially broke ground Oct. 3 on the company's large-scale, planned mixed-use redevelopment project known as *The Yards*. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on a central portion of the 42-acre site which fronts on the Anacostia River in Near Southeast D.C.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty participated in the event along with officials from the General Services Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as from Forest City Washington, the project's master developer. ‘We're very excited to be at the point of beginning site work at The Yards,’ said Deborah Ratner

Salzberg, president of Forest City Washington. ‘The extensive pre-development process has involved working with a few dozen governmental agencies, consultants and architects,’ she added. ‘This has been and will continue to be a very significant public/private partnership that will pay dividends for District residents for a long time to come.’ While the event marked the ceremonial groundbreaking on the site, construction crews actually began working there a few weeks ago, beginning the process of site infrastructure work, as well as the demolition of one non-historic building.

The \$1.7 billion redevelopment project is the largest such project in the District of Columbia. Upon completion, it will ultimately include 5.5 million SF of new development/redevelopment including approximately 2,800 residential units (both rental and for sale), 1.8 million SF of office space, up to 400,000 SF of retail/dining space, a riverfront park including an esplanade along the banks of the Anacostia River. *The Yards* project will blend adaptive reuse of five historically protected, former industrial buildings that were originally part of the neighboring Washington Navy Yard, as well as numerous sites of all-new construction.

With approximately 30 buildings planned overall, *The Yards* will ultimately



An architect's drawing of how The Yards might look in years ahead.

generate millions of tax dollars annually from land that was previously not on the District's tax rolls, over 3,000 new residents, sustainable design elements including the adaptive reuse of several existing buildings onsite and hundreds of construction and permanent jobs for DC residents. In addition, the project will provide opportunities for Local, Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (LSDBEs), job training and First Source hiring programs throughout its multi-phase development plan. ...

“A dozen buildings are in various stages of design and development with first phase completions expected in mid-2009 into 2010. The project's first phase will include the adaptive reuse of three former Navy Yard industrial buildings—two as residential and one as a retail center, as well as the all-new construction of an additional residential building and the project's initial office building. Victor MacFarlane is also an equity partner in the overall development of The Yards.”

SW “Great Decisions” Group Forming

By Coralie Farlee

Several spaces are still available in the SW Foreign Policy discussion group following the topics developed by the Foreign Policy Association under the “Great Decisions” title. The topics are selected to educate us on to the relationship of the United States with the world.

No member of the “Great Decisions” group is an expert, but all read the material in advance, and are open-minded and enthusiastic. The material typically consists of about 10 pages of reading, with several references which may also be presented and discussed. At the conclusion of each session, we send in individual ballots expressing our views on the topic.

Topics for 2008 are:

- Iraq End-Game,
- European Union at 50,
- Talking to our Enemies,
- Russia,
- US Defense and Security Policy, Latin America: Shift to the Left?, US-China Trade Policy,
- and Private Philanthropy.

The SW group meets at a townhouse in River Park Mutual Homes on 4th St. SW.

To join the group for 2008 register with Coralie Farlee, 202-554-4407. Study guides (\$15.00) must be ordered in advance.



K-GL Football in Uniforms from YATF



The Southwest Branch Library has increased the number of computers available to the public and they are being well used."

*Gerald Brown
teaching SW
youth at James
Creek*

Computer Training at James Creek, King-GLF

New computer classes have started for a dozen SW 10-12 year olds at James Creek's computer lab at 100 N St. SW and King-Greenleaf Recreation Center.

Volunteer instructors are Gerald Brown, a World Bank information security officer, and LaShawn Williams, who owns Learntechnology, a training firm.

Students who complete the eight-week one-hour-a-week course and agree to teach family members to use the computer will be loaned a computer to take home for a year, and can keep it as their own if all goes well.

Computers are provided (and kept in repair) by "First Time Computers," a non-profit group on Georgia Ave. NW in DC. On their website www.firsttimecom-

puters.org they explain, "As of October, 2007, we have taken in 2550 [donated, used] computers and delivered 2100 to families and community organizations in the Washington, DC area."

In SW the computer program is being sponsored by SWNA's Youth Activities Task Force, James Creek Resident Council, Friendship House, KGL Rec Center, the Cavaliers and several SWNA Board members.

Adults who wish to volunteer to teach additional classes should contact YATF Member Thelma Jones at tjones15@verizon.net or (202) 488-3746.

A closing ceremony is planned for 2 pm. Sat. afternoon, Dec. 15, at Syphax Village Community Center, 1322 Half St. SW. The public is invited.



LaShawn Williams training youngsters at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center

Donated Computers Needed for the SW Families

By Perry Klein

SWNA needs computers for families in the Southwest community. Do you have a computer you are not using and are willing to donate to SWNA for a worthy cause? We will arrange for First Time Computers to refurbish your old computer, after which it (or an equivalent one) will be furnished to families needing them. Contact Perry Klein at 488-7430 to arrange a pickup or e-mail him at pk@ieee.org with a description of what kind of computer you have for donation. We're especially looking for computers less than six years old so that we can install Windows 2000 or XP and Microsoft Office on them. We also need the monitor, keyboard and mouse. Contributions to SWNA are tax-deductible.

Check Your Hydrant With Your Computer

(Release from WASA)

[Editor's Note: This may not be as simple as it sounds. There is a ten page User's Guide to print out]

The DC Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) has launched a unique tool, based on Google Earth®, to provide the general public with easy access to important data about the condition of fire hydrants in the District.

The new Google Earth® tool is accessible to the public by visiting WASA's website, www.dcwasa.com. By using this tool, people will be able to easily locate fire hydrants and obtain basic status information. The information for each hydrant includes its identification number, current operational status and last inspection date. Additionally, customers can report a problem regarding a specific hydrant with the new web tool.

Individuals without DSL or cable modem (broadband) can use computers at a public library. The D C Public Library offers public access to the Internet at various library branches [including the SW Branch and SE Branch] and can be contacted at (202) 727-0321 for more information.

Customers may also contact WASA at (202) 612-3400 to determine the status of a particular hydrant or to report a hydrant that may be leaking or damaged. In the future, WASA will be launching additional tools for customers without broadband capabilities.

A more extensive version of Google



Earth® is available to D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) personnel to assist in decision-making and emergency preparedness. With Google Earth®, the fire department can quickly identify and locate hydrants that are currently out of service by Battalion and Engine Company, and determine which hydrants to use.

WASA is responsible for the maintenance of more than 9,000 public hydrants.

The Authority is spending \$25 million on a hydrant program to replace 3500 hydrants over the next five years



Community Meeting

Learn about plans to control pollution in the Potomac and Anacostia rivers and Rock Creek

Join the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) at a public meeting to learn what we are doing to help reduce pollution in the District's rivers and what you can do to help.

Monday, December 3, 2007

7:00 - 8:00pm

Southwest Neighborhood Library
900 Wesley Place, SW @ K Street, SW

Over the next 20 years, WASA and you, our customers, will be spending more than \$2 billion dollars to reduce 96 percent of the combined sewer overflows in our waterways. This is an extensive and expensive program that will improve the quality of our rivers.

Please plan to attend the meeting and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about water pollution control efforts, share your views, and find out what you can do to help.

For more information, call the Office of Public Affairs @ 202-787-2200.

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Tommy Wells Monthly at Pier 7

Here are some photos of Councilmember Tommy Wells visiting with the public at his monthly "SW Office Hour" at Pier 7, 7th & Water St. SW, at 8 am on the second Thurs. of the month. Residents can bring questions and suggestions of local concern directly to Tommy and his staff members each month in the restaurant of Channel Inn Motel. His office telephone number is 724-8072.



No Ballpark Parking on Capitol Hill

In 2008 NO PARKING during Nationals baseball games – except local residents with green stickers – will now be extended ten blocks east and as far away as 7th St. SE and C St. SE, according to the sports commission and the DC Dept. of Transportation. Originally their map showed nothing north of the freeway, but now it goes way into Capitol Hill.



New red signs "No Parking During Ballpark Events" will be added on residential streets where green "Two Hour Parking – Zone 6 Permit Holders Excepted" are already posted. This is the system that has been used for RFK.

Under that system residents will receive in the mail one visitor parking sticker and information on applying to the police for up to 20 guest passes for special events at your residence.

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